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Docket No.: C018497/0123324

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Eller, Charles E.) Examiner: Christopher Harmon
Serial No.: 10/652,923) Group Art Unit: 3721
Filed: August 29, 2003)

Title: CONTAINER CARRYING SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR USE IN AN AUTOMATED FILLING PROCESS

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114,
REPLY AND AMENDMENTS

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Applicant replies to the final Office Action mailed September 26, 2005. Applicant respectfully petitions for a three (3) month extension of time to respond, for which this response is now timely (the response date extended to March 27, 2006, as March 26, 2006 is a Sunday). Applicant also has filed a Request for Continued Examination in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. A check for the RCE and extension fee is enclosed. However, if the check is missing or insufficient, if an extension fee is due, or if any other fee is required at this time, please consider this to be a petition therefore and deduct any necessary fees from (or deposit any overpayment to) Deposit Account 02-4467. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.